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NEW JUDGESHIPS

The Legislature Asked to Create Six New Circuit Judges in Cook County—This Makes Twenty.

Spring Campaign Is Now Fully Under Way With Candidates for Every Place in the Running.

General Gossip from Municipal, County, State, Sanitary and Other Political Fields of Public Interest Up to Date.

What the Leaders in the Wards Are Doing for Their Country, for Themselves and for Their Friends.

The Legislature has been asked to create six new Circuit Judgeships in Cook County. There is said to be an urgent necessity for the increase. A bill to this effect was introduced this week. In the event of its passage, each party will put up twenty candidates for Judges of the Circuit Court. Many candidates are already in the field for the Judgeships.

The Judicial conventions will be held in May by all parties. Each party will put up a straight ticket of its own members.

This will include: One candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court.

Two candidates for Judge of the Superior Court. One to succeed Judge Brennan and one to succeed the late Judge Thomas C. Clarke.

Fourteen Judges of the Circuit Court. The seven democratic Circuit Judges whose terms expire, Judges Windes, Baker, Brown, Kersten, Walker, Honore and McGorty, will all be renominated unless they are named for higher Judgeships. Candidates will also be chosen to run against the seven republican judges up for reelection. Judges Tuthill, Smith, Gibbons, Pettit, Pinckney, Baldwin and Scanlan.

The 1915 Mayorality campaign has served to bring to life again one of Chicago's leading athletic associations of several years ago, known to the sporting fraternity, particularly the football enthusiasts as the Mohawks. The candidacy of Robert M. Switzer served as the impetus to bring the Mohawks into activity once more, for it was Switzer who came to the assistance of this club when it was struggling for existence in 1901, the present democratic candidate aiding the Mohawks materially by subscribing generously when it came time to purchase uniforms and other regalia to outfit the teams.

Organization of the Mohawks dates back to 1899 when a number of west side young men then attending the various schools banded together for the purpose of exploiting their prowess in the athletic world. Their present charter, which has been resurrected with the advent of the campaign, was granted the club in 1902. Among the members at that time who have since gained renown in the athletic world were John J. Evers, of the Boston Braves, and "Mike" Heckinger, of the Brooklyn Nationals.

Since getting back into activity the club has mustered together 2,000 active members, all working in the interests of Robert M. Switzer. Twenty-one thousand names are on the mailing lists. Twenty-six thousand Mohawk Switzer buttons have been distributed with ten thousand more to be sent broadcast within the coming week. At the recent Primaries the Mohawk Switzer club was represented in no less than nine hundred precincts.

The weekly meetings of the club are held on Monday evenings at the headquarters, Fullerton Building, 108 North Dearborn St., at which the members and their friends are not only addressed by the candidates but entertained athletically by a specially arranged program which is prepared by the entertainment committee.

Officers of the club are: President, John M. Lonergan; Vice-President, John M. Murphy; Secretary, Thomas

P. Convey; Treasurer, Peter H. Dalton; Financial Secy, B. E. Kearns; Sergeant at Arms, James Maloney; Publicity, T. L. Connolly. Ladies Auxiliary: Chairman, Mrs. D. Griffin; Treasurer, Miss Kittle Maloney; Secretary, Miss Ann Conway Doyle.

William Hale Thompson as republican nominee has changed his plan of making his campaign on national issues. He says it will be confined to local affairs. "I am ready to start my campaign when they are ready," he said. "I will campaign along local issues and I hope there will not be any necessity for personalities by the dragging in of side issues."

Switzer headquarters in Hotel Sherman were opened in full blast. County Treasurer Stuckart heads the general campaign committee and Frank S. Ryan is chairman of the organization work. They did team work in the primary campaign for Switzer. It was under their guidance that 79,000-odd plurality was rolled up for the democratic mayoral nominee.

Charles H. Wacker chairman of the Chicago Plan Commission, in his annual report says of the many improvements now under way:

"The year has witnessed the acceptance by the city and the railroad companies of the west side terminal ordinance and the commencement of actual construction work in that area," said Mr. Wacker. "It has seen the passage of a final ordinance for the Michigan avenue improvement, and the approval by the people of a bond issue for 50 per cent of its total cost."

"The year has brought forth the beginning of actual condemnation proceedings looking to the widening of 12th street; it has witnessed the origin by the city council of a potentially successful movement to bring about a mutually satisfactory understanding among the various interests involved in the lake front development," said Mr. Wacker.

"It has seen a forest preserve district embracing the whole of Cook county made possible by a great popular vote."

"The year has witnessed the passage of a \$2,000,000 bond issue for good roads in Cook county. A portion of this money will be used for the improvement of outer highways included in the plan of Chicago."

"It has witnessed action on divers matters affecting and relating to public improvements of vital importance, notable among them being the proposed location of the west side post-office."

"The year has also seen an increasingly effective volume of educational work both oral and literary. Your chairman suggests that possibly the time is not far distant when this commission might properly endeavor to have adopted by the city council, after a favorable referendum vote, the plan of Chicago as the basic physical policy of the city."

One hundred and ten cities in thirty-six states are watching with interest Chicago's work on its great plan. The study of the plan in the schools has attracted the attention of the world. From everywhere come requests for the textbook and inquiries about it. Now with the help of the motion pic-

ture theaters and later, as we hope and are talking of, talking machine 'lectures', the plan of Chicago will be forced ahead by enthusiastic Chicagoans, encouraged by the whole world."

No more straphanging on Chicago's surface lines—except during rush hours. A seat for every passenger—except during rush hours.

Such is the promise to Chicagoans as a result of the action of the city council in passing the ordinance fathered by Alderman Eugene Block.

According to the ordinance's provi-

cars each month. It is also provided that through route cars must wait for cross-town cars at night, and that railroad trains must not blockade carline streets longer than five minutes at any one time. President Leonard Busby of the Chicago Surface Lines has agreed to the ordinance.

There will be a grand old cleaning out at the City Hall one of these days.

The City Hall Junketers Union has taken its final trip. It has gone to Washington ostensibly to ask for more city piers, but really to avoid talking about Switzer's victory.

Legislators who have to pay their own railroad fare and who are willing to vote for a law raising railroad fares in Illinois, are worth remembering.

HELPS TAXPAYERS

County Treasurer Henry Stuckart Opens Branches of His Office All Over The City.

This Will Give Workingmen and Others Employed a Chance to Save Much Inconvenience.

Henry Stuckart, County Treasurer, has appointed the following Banks as sub-stations for the collection of taxes from March 10th, 1915 to May 1st, 1915. These branches will be open for the convenience of the public every day from 9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m., and all taxes (real estate and special) may be paid at any of those stations during the hours above mentioned:

South Side.
Peoples Stock Yards State Bank, 47th street and Ashland avenue.
Sixty-Third and Halsted street Savings Bank, 63rd and Halsted streets.
South Side State Bank, 43rd street and Cottage Grove avenue.
Koch and Company (Bankers), 2603 South Halsted street.
South Chicago Savings Bank, 92nd street and Commercial avenue.
Roseland Bank, 11108 Michigan avenue.
North Side.
Aetna State Bank, Lincoln avenue and Halsted street.
P. Phillip State Bank, 7005 North Clark street.
Ravenswood National Bank, Wilson avenue and Ravenswood Park.

VERY TOUCHING

Wonderful Unselfishness of Illinois Legislators—Denied Railroad Passes Would Raise Rates on Selves and Public.

General Political Gossip About the Mayoralty and the Other Places to be Filled Next Spring.

Latest Items of Interest from All the Camps About Candidates and Their Prospects in the Spring Election.

Mayoralty Fight Is Getting Hotter as the Time for Settling the Battle Draws Closer to Hand.

What a wonderful amount of self-forgetfulness some of the Illinois legislators are manifesting these days.

Now that the railroads have taken away the annual and trip passes of the lawmakers, they have to pay their own fare.

This makes them feel so good that they are going to pass a law authorizing the railroads to charge more for every mile traveled by anybody in this State.

The report of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission for 1915 shows that the railroads made

foremost in the fight to make Chicago people pay more for travel.

The All Hog Railroad, which is fighting so hard to have railroad rates increased by the Illinois Legislature, is fighting city supervision of its new terminal improvements.

Just like the All Hog. Ald. H. E. Littler, chairman of the Council Harbors Committee, was informed the railroad would not accede to city control. Although every other disputed point has been smoothed away, it is feared the council will not give its approval to the contract between the South Park Commissioners and the Illinois Central unless the latter consents to municipal regulation.

The proposal to exercise city supervision was delivered in the form of an ultimatum to President Charles H. Markham of the Illinois Central several days ago.

Mr. Markham's reply was "No."

Illinois alone is at the mercy of the greedy corporations.

The Trust Press does not lift its voice against the proposed law permitting an increase of passenger rates on the railroads of this State.

The robbery of the Common people is to be accomplished here with neatness and dispatch.

Poor Illinois. Alone among the western states her people are to be plucked with impunity.

Nine other western states have joined the Iowa railroad commission in sending a petition to the interstate commerce commission for a suspension of tariffs proposing general advances in interstate passenger rates.

The states which have united to fight the proposed increases are Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Nebraska.

The enormous lobby now at work at Springfield for an increase in railroad rates of fare in the State of Illinois, was hit hard by Governor Dunne in a message. Other lobbyists were hit just as hard by the same message.

Notwithstanding the hard times and the high cost of living a big lobby, commanded by some notorious lobbyists is at work among the legislators for increase in the legal rate of fare on railroads.

Governor Dunne's message, hitting all corporation lobbyists says:

"One great embarrassment attendant upon the honest effort of a state legislature to give to the people remedial legislation has been the insidious influence of the corrupt lobbyist."

"Always the servile hireling of the concealed master, he sits near the seats of the members and in the committee rooms during the sessions of the committees and endeavors to poison at its source what would otherwise be the honestly expressed will of the people's representatives."

"It has been said in the past that Illinois was not free from this scourge."

"I have proposed several remedial measures to the present legislature and many other meritorious measures will be considered during the session. We should not sit quietly by and permit bills, designed to give relief to the people, to be changed, modified, rendered impotent or nullified by the machinations of undisclosed per-

sons and influences, if it is in our power to prevent it."

"Such persons and influences should come out in the open and show their colors, where all men can see them and know for what they stand. Honest men and measures will announce themselves and be welcome, but the subsidized and professional lobbyist, intent on defeating the will of the people by endeavoring to corrupt the weak and to circumvent the strong, should be driven away from the state-house."

"In my judgment, no one, not a member of this general assembly, should be admitted to the floor of either house or the committee rooms thereof, the cloakrooms, the corridors or any other part of the state house adjacent to the legislative chambers, for the purpose of advocating, amending or opposing any bill, resolution or measure, pending in either house of the general assembly, unless such person shall first register his name and address with the secretary of state and the secretary or clerk of each house of the general assembly."

"Such person, in addition to his name and address, should be required to certify in writing if he is employed by any person, firm or corporation; and if so, the name and address of each employer, and what compensation he has received or is to receive, if any. He should further be required to state in writing the bills, acts, measures or resolutions he is interested in, and what the nature of his interest may be."

The democratic leaders and their wives are to make merry at a registration banquet—an innovation in politics—in the Auditorium Hotel March 15 at 7:30 p. m. Roger C. Sullivan and Mrs. Sullivan, Robert M. Switzer, the Democratic candidate for mayor, his wife and leaders all the way down the political ladder from campaign manager to ward committeemen are to be there.

In all 700 tickets have been sold, it is said. The next day is registration day and the plan is to have the speakers impress on their hearers their duties for the next day so that no slip will occur.

The democratic organization of the Third ward proposed the registration banquet idea and is pushing it thru. Henry Stuckart, Switzer campaign manager; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Sullivan will also be present. Mr. Ryan is chairman of the Switzer organization committee. Former Mayor John P. Hopkins will be another guest, and, according to present plans will be among the speakers.

Announcement of the candidacy of Col. Frank L. Smith of Dwight for the republican governorship nomination next year caused a political talent to enter Col. Frank O. Lowden as an anti-Deneen faction candidate in the big fight next year.

Judge Kickham Scanlan now associate justice of the Appellate Court, is one of the best men ever elected to the Circuit Court. His re-nomination and re-election is assured.

Gas shut-off graft looks good to some aldermen.



KICKHAM SCANLAN.
Highly Respected Circuit Judge Who Deserves Re-election.

sions, the street railways will have to provide a sufficient number of cars so that the aggregate number of seats passing a given point in any fifteen-minute period outside of the rush hours must be not less than the aggregate number of passengers. The penalty for violation of this provision is a fine of from \$50 to \$200.

The ordinance requires the immediate contract by the street railways for the delivery of 168 new cars and the further addition of fourteen new

West Side.
Lawndale State Bank, 3113 West 22nd street.

Madison and Kedzie State Bank, Madison street (near) Kedzie avenue.

Logan Square Trust and Savings Bank, 2569 Milwaukee avenue.

Home Bank and Trust Company, Milwaukee and Ashland avenue.

American State Bank, 1825 Blue Island avenue.

Jefferson Park National Bank, 4815 Milwaukee avenue.

more money from passenger traffic last year than in any previous year for a long time.

The Illinois legislators want to make them a present of more money—at the public expense, of course.

The principal backer of this law to milk the public is the All Hog Railroad, also known to fame as the Illinois Central.

The All Hog having kept Chicago from its Lake Front for years is now